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Rewald data doesn't back accused spy

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There were no calls to accused spy Richard Craig Smith in Salt Lake City paid for by Ronald Rewald's Honolulu firm in November 1982, a review of the company's telephone records indicates.

Smith, on trial in Virginia for selling classified information to a Soviet agent in Tokyo in 1982, Wednesday persuaded a federal judge to order production of those phone records.

Smith apparently hoped to find in those records some proof for his story that the CIA instructed him to sell secrets to the Soviets, so he could establish himself as a double-agent.

Smith claims he met twice with the Soviet agent in Tokyo in November 1982, then returned to the U.S. and reported his progress to two persons he believed were CIA agents. He says they gave him a Honolulu phone number which later turned out to be the listed number for Rewald's firm — Bishop, Baldwin, Rewald, Dillingham & Wong.

Smith told a reporter and his attorneys the phone number this spring, after there had been substantial publicity about Rewald's claim that Bishop Baldwin was set

up and run by the CIA as a cover operation.

Rewald says the CIA, not he, is to blame for the loss of \$22 million in investor funds prior to the company's collapse last July.

Rewald is facing state theft charges and is under federal investigation. An associate, Sunlin Wong, has pleaded guilty to mail and securities fraud charges, saying he knew the company was running a "ponzi scheme" to defraud investors.

The court order in the Smith case suggests that Smith is claiming he received a call in Salt Lake City from his alleged CIA handlers in November 1982.

Yesterday, The Advertiser reviewed available records for phone numbers listed to Bishop Baldwin and associated firms. No charges for phone calls in that month to any Salt Lake City numbers were found.

The court has also ordered the government to produce records — if any exist — of any calls made from CIA phones in Honolulu to Salt Lake City at the time.

The government has charged that Smith and his attorneys are on a fishing expedition, and have no reason to believe they will find anything in the records. The CIA says its own record search shows no mention of Smith or his supposed CIA contacts.